

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Yeas: Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Reardon, Gelser

Nays: Huffman, Parrish, Sprenger, Whisnant

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 4/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies procedure for proposals to establish public charter school and modifies contents required in proposals for public charter school. Prohibits member of school district board from serving as voting member of public charter school located in same district. Requires member of proposed public charter school governing body to provide acknowledgement of standards of conduct and liabilities. Clarifies laws applicable to public charter schools. Exempts from annual audit requirement public charter school listed under ORS 338.035(2)(b).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Technical nature of measure
- Broad representation of workgroup that developed measure
- Community outreach to inform about measure
- Consensus reached on measure
- Students who have made strides in charter schools

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that annual audit requirement does not apply to public charter school listed under ORS 338.035(2)(b), which exempts “a school in a school district that is composed of only one school; and a school in a school district that is a remote and necessary school district on the date the school first begins operation as a public charter school” from certain requirements.

BACKGROUND: ORS 338.045 defines the minimum information required in each charter school proposal. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) advises that the proposal development process should consist of a series of meetings, dialogues and negotiations between the applicants and appropriate district staff. The formal proposal process is outlined in the administrative rules under OAR 581-020-0301. A basic overview of the process is as follows. First, the developer submits a proposal to local school board and sends a copy to the ODE, and the district notifies the charter whether it is complete. If it is complete, the district will hold a public hearing. The proposal can be approved or denied. If it is approved, the sponsor and developer negotiate a charter contract. If it is denied, the developer can request review from ODE and engage in mediation.

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